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In re Application of:)
Boudiaf BOUSSOUIRA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1617
Application No.: 09/083,150) Examiner: E. Webman
CPA Filed: March 29, 2001)
For: COSMETIC USE OF SELECTED)
POLYAMINO POLYMERS AS)
ANTIOXIDANTS)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Prior to examination of this application, and in reply to the Final Office Action of December 13, 2000, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following remarks.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-44 are pending. Claims 29-32, 36, and 38-44 were withdrawn by the Examiner as being directed to a non-elected invention.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

In the latest Office Action, the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-23, 27, 28, 33-35, and 37 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wolf et al.* ("Wolf") in view of *Fanchon et al.* ("Fanchon"). Claims 24-26 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C.